

## IN NORWICH FIFTY YEARS AGO

Just fifty years ago this week the house appropriations committee was being urged to make an appropriation of \$250,000 for the commencement of the new city hall in New London. Because of dissatisfaction over certain provisions of a new set of by-laws governing the fire department, the Western Hook and Ladder company sent a communication to the court of common council, announcing their intention to withdraw from the fire department until the provisions objected to were modified or repealed. Their communication was tabled and the company was given a week to remove their apparatus from the engine house. Extracts from the files of The Bulletin of 1870 are as follows:

Monday, March 21, 1870—His Honor Mayor Blackstone, First Selectman William C. Osgood and County Commissioners A. F. Royce and James Allen visited New Haven on Friday and inspected the city hall in that place to get ideas for the new proposed courthouse which will be erected on the lot between Broadway and Union street opposite the Old library. The visitors were the recipients of many unexpected hospitalities at the

house of Mayor Fitch, Aldermen Beers, Pierpont and Town Agent Shelton. Mr. Atwater and others. The little Bell boys, who were drowned last week, were buried on Sunday. Both bodies were enclosed in one casket with white cloth and silver trimmings and profusely decorated with flowers. The services at the house consisted of the reading of the Scriptures and a few remarks by Rev. Mr. DeWitt of Troy, N. Y., which were followed by a prayer by Rev. Mr. Merriam. Services followed at the Broadway church. Burial was in Yantic cemetery. The iron for the new horse railroad arrived on Saturday.

Tuesday, March 22, 1870—At a special meeting of the common council held Monday evening, a communication from the Wauregan Hook and Ladder company was read, announcing their withdrawal from the fire department. Resolved, That the Wauregan Hook and Ladder company, withdraw from the fire department of the City of Norwich until such time as the court of common council modify or repeal the following words contained in the

31st section of the new city by-laws, which conflict with our rights as property owners. "If there be, at the present time, any engine, hose or hook and ladder company, owning the apparatus run by them, or shall hereafter by the permission of the department council, own such apparatus, the same shall be to all intents and purposes, under the control and direction of the chief engineer and his assistants, as much so as if the same were owned by the city, and no sale of any such apparatus shall be made by any company owning the same, except by permission of the court of common council. And should any such company disband or be disbanded by reason of insubordination, the said apparatus shall at once be thought depreciable by the committee on fire department, become the property of the city at a valuation to be made by two disinterested persons, chosen one by each party."

Signed: PETER CAMPBELL, Secretary. On motion the company was allowed one week to take their property from the engine house. The communication of the company's withdrawal from the department was laid upon the table.

Wednesday, March 23, 1870—A brilliant display of the aurora borealis, with rose and other colored streamers, was witnessed on Monday night. It was one of the most brilliant displays ever seen by residents of this city. The Wauregan Hook and Ladder company, having been compelled in self-defense to withdraw from the fire department of the city, on account of the harsh and unjust conditions contained in Section 31 of the new by-laws governing the fire department, take this opportunity of offering their services to the citizens of Norwich in case of fire, until such time as proper means are provided for their protection. John H. Morrison, M. A. Fanning, C. M. Buchanan, George H. Clark, W. H. Burnet, committee. The board for the admission of electors for the town of Bozrah admitted 17 on Monday. There may be some half dozen more which may be found qualified. This is a large number for a town of less than 200 voters.

Thursday, March 24, 1870—An adjourned meeting of the Temperance party was held Wednesday evening in Broadway hall to discuss the propriety of nominating candidates for representative. The secretary read the correspondence he had received from some of the nominees of the republican state ticket. He had received one letter from T. M. Waller of New London and one from Julius Hotchkiss of Middletown, who did not believe in making laws that should tell the people what kind of bread and butter they should eat. After a talk by Mr.

Goodell of Bozrah, who has labored in the cause of temperance for a half a century, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That we will not vote for any man who does not represent us on the prohibition question. The following were appointed to act as a town temperance committee: W. C. Higgins, George W. Kles, and R. W. Greene.

The following appointments were made at the Providence conference on Tuesday for the Norwich district: G. W. Brewster, presiding elder; East Main Street church, to be supplied; Central church, E. W. Cheney; South Main street, T. M. House; North church, R. Clark; Greenville, A. W. Mills. Friday, March 25, 1870—The store of the Falls company was entered Wednesday night through a window over the office which adjoins the store. An attempt was made to blow open the safe, and powder and burnt paper were found lying about. The money drawers were both supplied with intact burglar alarms, but one of them was opened and the contents taken out, amounting to a few cents. The other drawer was broken open and about \$20 in bills was taken. Nothing else was disturbed. An entrance was also made into the office of Col. C. A. Converse's file shop. The safe was tampered with but nothing is

known to have been taken. On Tuesday a very well dressed man appeared at the house of one, Edward Jones, living at the Falls, and asked for a night's lodging, saying he had no money to go to a hotel. Mr. Jones thought from the man's appearance that he was honest, and allowed him to stay overnight. Sometime after his departure it was discovered that two valuable watches had been taken besides other articles. It was a case of misplaced confidence.

J. Hunt Smith is removing his braids works from the Falls to the building recently purchased by him on Franklin street. Mr. Smith intends to carry on his business on an extensive scale.

Saturday, March 26, 1870—Senator Buckingham and Representative Starkweather were before the house appropriations committee yesterday, urging an appropriation of \$250,000 to commence a navy yard at New London. The committee on naval affairs proposed that any money that may be realized from the sale of the Brooklyn yard shall be covered into the treasury and it is out of this that the New London interests ask an appropriation. The claims of New London were forcefully presented by Mr. Starkweather in a carefully prepared argument and the committee believed to look with favor upon the request. The long, low building in the yard opposite the Norwich & Worcester passenger depot, erected at the time of the old freight depot was burned and used as a place of storage the last few years, is in process of demolition to make room for sidetracks and turnouts.

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Another Navy Blue Satin Dress  
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